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## CHINESE RESENT EXCLUSION LAWS AS NOW ENFORCED

Secretary Straus Believes Falling off in Trade is Partially Due to Boycott Against All American Goods in Orient and Suggests Reforms.

### LAW TOO GENERAL IN NATURE

Washington, Dec. 9.—The annual report of Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor, was given to the public today. He devotes much space to the discussion of the Chinese immigration which is the principal part of his report. On this subject he says in part:

"The present policy of the United States with reference to Chinese immigration, as developed by both the legislative and executive departments of the government, is of long standing, having existed for nearly a generation. A governmental policy so long pursued is not lightly to be changed, nor is any change proposed. What I have to urge is not only based upon a full recognition of the fixed character of the present policy, but is entirely in furtherance thereof. It is not the policy of the government with reference to Chinese immigration that I would criticize, but the manner in which it is of necessity carried out by reason of the way in which the laws are framed. It has never been the purpose of the government, as would appear from its laws and treaties, to exclude persons of the Chinese race merely because they are Chinese, regardless of the class to which they belong, and without reference to their length of stay. The real purpose of the government's policy is to exclude a particular and well defined class, leaving other classes of Chinese, except as they, together with all other foreigners, may be included within the prohibitions of the general immigration laws, as free to come and go as the citizens or subjects of any other nation. As the laws are framed, however, it would appear that the purpose was rigidly to exclude persons of the Chinese race in general and to admit only such persons of the race as fall within certain expressly stated exemptions—as if, in other words, exclusion was the rule and admission the exception. I regard this feature of the present laws as unnecessary and fraught with irritating consequences. In the administration of laws so framed, notwithstanding the care taken to treat persons of the Chinese race lawfully entitled to admission with the same courtesy and consideration shown to other foreigners, it is impossible that persons who have to endure requirements and formalities peculiar to themselves should fail to take offense, and to resent as a humiliation the manner in which by law they are distinguished from natives of other countries. Laws so framed can only be regarded as involving a discrimination on account of race, and it is needless to point out that discriminations on account of race, color, previous condition, or religion are alike opposed to the principles of the republic and to the spirit of its institutions.

"It is not surprising, therefore, that both the Chinese government and the Chinese people should feel aggrieved, and should in various ways manifest their resentment and displeasure. The attitude of the Chinese government may be inferred from the fact that, in 1904, after the convention of 1894 had been in force for 10 years, China availing herself of a right reserved, formally denounced the treaty, thus refusing longer to be a party to an arrangement which, as carried into effect by legislation, was offensive to her national pride.

"In 1905 China held first rank among oriental countries as a consumer of American products. In that year her total commerce amounted to 497 million dollars, of which 329 million were imports. Of these imports, according to the Chinese official data, the United States supplied 57 million, or more than 17 per cent. As the exports of the United States to China had grown to these proportions by rapid strides—it amounted to less than 3 millions in the seventies, and only reached 7 1/2 millions in 1886, 12 millions in 1897, 15 millions in 1900, and 24 millions in 1902—it was confidently hoped that, as commercial intercourse between the two nations increased, as the needs of the Chinese market became better understood, and as the character of American products became better known, American trade would continue to progress in the same ratio and a larger and larger share of the foreign trade of China would accrue to the United States. Instead of that, however, the reports of the United States to China, according to our statistics, fell from 31 millions in the fiscal year 1905 to 14 millions in 1906 and

## King Oscar II of Sweden Dies And is Succeeded on Throne by His Son, Crown Prince, Sunday Afternoon.

Whole Nation Mourns for Monarch, Whom They Loved, and Who Loved His Country—Funeral Arrangements Made Today.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—Oscar II, king of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning. The death of the monarch occurred in the royal apartment of the palace, surrounded by members of his family, Oscar Gustave, the high ministers of state, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads long after the announcement came of the death of their well beloved sovereign.

The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than the ruler of his people and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dipped to half mast there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many cried "Our dear old king is dead."

The succession to the throne of Sweden now passes to Oscar Gustave Adolphe, duke of Vermeland, oldest son of the late king.

The last hours of the expiring monarch were passed in unconsciousness and up to the end he gave no sign of recognizing those about him. The queen was grief stricken because he could not bid her farewell. All through yesterday the king had remained in a comatose condition.

Believing that death would not occur until morning, the members of

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## NO NIGHT RIDERS CAME LAST NIGHT, BUT POLICE WERE READY FOR THEM

No Fear of Any Attempt to Take City But Precautions Are Not Overlooked—Two Anonymous Letters Received

Believing it is better to be prepared even when there is no danger apparent, Chief Collins last night instructed his men to keep a close watch in the tobacco warehouse districts for suspicious characters, and to report at once anything that would seem to indicate an attack or trouble.

The policemen on duty at night were all assembled in the police court room last night and explicit instructions were given by the chief, and a secret system arranged, by which reports will be made to Lieutenant Potter at the station, which in turn can be communicated to every man on duty by the officer at the station. The preparations by the police, which were intended to be kept from the public, in some way leaked out last night, and gave place to the report that the night riders were expected here last night, causing some uneasiness.

No such information had been received, assurances have been made

## NO SPECIAL TERM FOR GRAND JURY AT HOPKINSVILLE

Judge Thomas P. Cook, of the Third judicial circuit, which includes Christian county, was in the city this morning en route from his home in Murray to Eddyville, where his court is in session. Judge Cook stated while here, that there will be no special session of the Christian county grand jury to investigate the raid at Hopkinsville Friday night, as the court's time is all taken up at other places in the district until the fourth Monday in February, when the Christian county court meets. The claim that the mob was organized in Trigg county probably will be investigated when court meets there the first of January.

to 26 millions in 1907. I would not be understood as attributing this decline wholly to the boycott of 1905, or to measures of retaliation on the part of China or her people on account of the exclusion laws.

## SO MUCH TRADING NO ONE CAN TELL ELECTION RESULT

So much trading is in the air that it is impossible to predict the outcome of the election of city officers by the general council. The Republicans have a majority on joint ballot, but party lines seem to have been obliterated in an effort to eradicate George Lehnard, city license inspector, who has been over zealous and efficient in the performance of his duties.

The tip is out that Mayor Yeiser will call the joint council in special session the latter part of the week, presumably Friday night, to elect license inspector, city physician, sewer inspector, market master and city weigher. Dr. Harry Williamson, city physician; Frank Dunn, city weigher, and C. E. Bell, city market master, will undoubtedly be re-elected.

### TWO BARNS BURNED

Ragland, Ky., Dec. 9. (Special.)—Incendiarism, it is believed, early Sunday morning, set fire to the stock barn of Isaac Rudolph, a prominent farmer, and destroyed three horses, his buggy, heavy farm implements and his hay and grain. His loss is \$1,500, with no insurance. The barn of James Burnley, near Bandana, was destroyed by fire last week and all his grain and horses burned.

that there is no danger of any attack in Paducah. Chief Collins, alert to the safety of the public and its property, took the precaution to have the police thoroughly informed and ready to act in case of any emergency that might arise.

It is believed that night riders would get a warm reception should they ever attempt to raid Paducah, as the police force is largely composed of determined men. There are 250 riot guns in the vault at the station with a large amount of ammunition available.

It is absolutely certain, that should there ever be any trouble here the invaders would come from some of the counties across the Tennessee river, as there has never been any trouble in the lower counties to amount to anything. The Purchase counties are thoroughly organized by the association, but no acts of violence committed of any consequence. The Paducah, or western district, is cut off from the Hopkinsville and Clarksville districts, where the trouble has always been, by the Tennessee and Cumberland rivers, and it is considered too far from headquarters for the lawless element of that section to wander.

### County Judge Acts.

County Judge Lightfoot yesterday received two anonymous letters mailed from different points in a first district county, warning the official to be on the lookout for "night riders," as it had been planned to visit Paducah in the near future.

Although doubting, Judge Lightfoot summoned a number of reliable men to meet him at the county court house last night and gave them authority to act as deputies in case of emergency. Today he has added to the list a number of men and all have been instructed to shoot to kill at the first appearance of any mob.

"If night riders attempt to raid Paducah they will be given an object lesson that will stand for the whole state of Kentucky," said Judge Lightfoot this afternoon. "There is only one way to stop this thing and that is for the officials to do their duty and shoot down a few of the lawless ones when they attempt to terrorize and destroy."

Judge Lightfoot does not believe the tobacco growers' association responsible as an organization for the acts of lawlessness and believes that the officials condemn it.

### No Fear at Mayfield.

William Wall, editor of the Mayfield Monitor, was in the city today and reports the regies have received and paid for over 300,000 pounds of tobacco in the past three weeks, and much more is to come. "We are not worrying any over probable visits from night riders," he said, "as all of our people are law-abiding citizens."

## NORTH TWELFTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH REALITY

Organized Yesterday With Membership of 69 and Elects Deacons and Pastor—Mission is Five Years Old and Thriving—Its History.

### SERVICES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

North Twelfth street Baptist church was organized yesterday afternoon by the congregation of the Twelfth street mission with a membership of 69. The pastors and committees appointed from the First, Second and East Baptist churches met with the congregation of the Twelfth street mission. Mr. J. E. Potter was elected temporary chairman and Mr. J. R. Puryear clerk. The Rev. Calvin M. Thompson, pastor of the First Baptist church, read the Philadelphia confession of faith and the church covenant and by a rising vote these were adopted.

The Rev. J. V. Allen, pastor of the East Baptist church, offered prayer. The Rev. J. R. Clark, assistant pastor of the First Baptist church, was chosen pastor for the new church and Mr. J. E. Clark, clerk. Messrs. S. L. Davis, E. R. Harton and R. S. Burroughs were appointed deacons. Invitations for membership were extended to the congregation by the new pastor and seven people came forward.

The North Twelfth Street Baptist church was the name adopted for the new church. Sunday services will be held at 2:30 and 7 p. m., and Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7. This church edifice was erected in the summer of 1902 and has been used as a mission up to the present.

### MRS. TAFT DIES

Millbury, Mass., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Louisa Taft, mother of Secretary of War Taft, died at 12:30 Sunday morning. The funeral will not be held until after the arrival of Secretary Taft, who sailed for home today.

### WILL CALL PASTOR

The Tenth Street Christian church has decided to call a pastor, but since the official board decided on the Rev. J. S. Dean, who is in charge of the churches at Clinton and Greenwood, they have learned that he has decided to remain in his present field, and the congregation is looking for someone else to fill the pulpit.

## FOUR CITIES AFTER DEMOCRATIC MEET

Washington, Dec. 9.—With the present indication of Louisville being scratched, Cleveland, Denver and Chicago are entered in the race for the Democratic national convention, which will be run this week to choose the time and place.

## TOBACCO WAGONS WILL CROWD ROADS LAST OF THE WEEK

The fine rain yesterday followed by warm, sunny weather today, has furnished the farmers one of the best opportunities of the season to get their tobacco in condition for delivery, and reports received by the buyers from over this section indicate that large deliveries will be made before the week is gone. Already some tobacco has begun to come in, but the farmers cannot afford to lose the opportunity of stripping and bulking their tobacco today and tomorrow to spend any time delivering, which can be done during the last days of the present "season."

The buyers here are ready to receive the tobacco at any time and do not believe that the trouble at Hopkinsville will have any effect on the deliveries. They are also ready to buy the association tobacco as soon as it is placed on the market by the executive committee. This will be done in due course of time as the association rehandles its tobacco before placing it on the market. The prize houses of the organization are receiving some tobacco today and also expect a rush during the last of this week.

## Inquiry Delayed

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—Formal inquiry into the raid will be delayed for the present, owing to Judge Breathitt and Mott Ayres going to Frankfort to lay the matter before Governor Willson as soon as he becomes governor. It is expected he will deal with the matter. Several of the night riders are believed to have been badly wounded in the pitched battle, which occurred after the raid between the posse and raiders. Colonel Ayres is thought to have some strong evidence. Earlinton troops are expected to come tonight. The failure to send them is due to a misunderstanding. Soldiers will guard the town at night for the present.

## MORE BODIES ARE REMOVED TODAY FROM W. VA. MINES

Monongah, W. Va., Dec. 9.—By 9 today 51 bodies were recovered from the mines. Fire, which began yesterday, was extinguished early today in mine No. 8, but a second fire occurred, which delayed rescuing. It is expected that 100 bodies will be recovered today, if there are no more fires.

During the night guards employed by the owners have been greatly increased until each piece of property looks like a fortress. Pedestrians passing through the mining camp were held up by mine guards and compelled to account for themselves before they were allowed to proceed. This action was resented in a number of instances, but didn't deter the guards from carrying out their instructions.

### Joe Blackburn Due Home.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—A message was received here from the Panama canal that Senator Jos. C. S. Blackburn had left the canal zone and would reach Kentucky about Christmas day. This news has stirred up the friends of Gov. Beckham.

### PURSE SNATCHER

The first case of purse snatching in some time was reported to the police this morning by Mrs. G. A. Martin, who with her husband, conducts the lunch stand at the union station. A negro grabbed Mrs. Martin's purse from her hand last night at 8 o'clock as she was about to board a car at Sixth street and Kentucky for home. The purse contained two \$5 gold pieces and about 50 cents in silver. The police have a good clew as to the identity of the thief.

### A STAG DINNER

Male members of the First Presbyterian congregation will be entertained with dinner at 6:30 o'clock in the church parlors tomorrow evening. The men will go from their business directly to the church, where tables will be spread and dinner served by the Young Ladies' society.

### CREDITORS GET BUSY

The general merchandise store of J. M. Ray, at Vancleave, Calloway county, was closed Saturday by attachments procured by the Baker-Eccles Grocery company, of Paducah, and the Holland Shoe company, of Nashville, Tenn. "Run on the store" by the creditors is said to have been caused by a special sale which Ray was conducting. Other Paducah creditors will secure attachments against the stock this morning.

### I. O. O. F. MEMORIAL

E. W. Whittemore, Harry Kollar and G. Z. Umbaugh attended memorial exercises of the Grand Rivers lodge of Odd Fellows at Grand Rivers yesterday. Mr. Whittemore delivered the memorial address.

## Grain Market.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 9.—Wheat, 99; corn, 63 1/2; oats, 55.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Decrease in winter wheat was 1.9 per cent.

Washington, Dec. 9.—The census bureau announced 8,338,854 bales of cotton ginned to December 1, from 26,876 gins reporting.

## CITY MAY PRESENT SILVER SERVICE TO HER NAMESAKE AT CAIRO INSTEAD OF HERE

## REYNOLDS THINKS OWNERS TRICKED WAR DEPARTMENT

Goldfield, Dec. 9.—Col. Reynolds, commanding federal troops, is said to have recommended the soldiers' recall. There seems to be no doubt but that he thinks the mine owners misled the war department. Owners persist that trouble is practically certain. It is certain an attempt will be made Wednesday to resume operation with non-union miners.

### No News.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Up to today the war department has received no report from Goldfield.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Mr. John S. Blecker, manager of the Paducah Traction company, stated today that commencing tomorrow the Guthrie avenue cars will run down town. These cars will take the place of the Broadway short line, and next week cars will be run on all lines at night and as late as necessary for those who wish to do Christmas shopping.

## OFF FOR FRANKFORT IN THEIR OWN CAR

Capt. Edwin Farley and Party Leave Paducah This Morning.

State Treasurer-elect Edwin Farley and a party in a private car, attached to the regular Louisville train left for Frankfort to attend the inauguration. The car was set on a siding at the station at 9 o'clock, so the party could retire when they got ready. The special car was a courtesy to Captain Farley on the part of Supt. A. H. Egan. The car will remain in Louisville from 8 o'clock this morning until this afternoon. The party will return to Louisville in the car. In the car besides Captain Farley and his two daughters, are Mayor-elect James P. Smith, City Treasurer John J. Dorlan, State Railroad Commissioner McD. Ferguson, Alderman W. T. Miller, T. B. McGregor, Maj. J. H. Ashcraft, George O. McBroom.

## DRASTIC METHOD OF DISPOSSESSING TENANT ALLEGED

In a suit filed in circuit court today by Allen Elliott against John Bryant, Elliott claims that while he was occupying a house belonging to Bryant, last February, the owner came to the house and took out the doors and windows, leaving two infant children, which were sick, unprotected from the snow and cold. The plaintiff alleges that at his own expense he placed a door and window in the house and that Bryant came and took these away. He prays for \$1,000 damages. Attorney A. L. Harper represents the plaintiff.

### THE WEATHER.



## CLOUDY

Continued cloudy; colder in the western portion. Tuesday fair and colder. Highest temperature yesterday, 58; lowest today, 50.

Navy Department Says Ohio is Not Deep Enough and Advises Consultation With Officers of Boat.

Paducah is Ordered to New Orleans From Guantanamo and Committee Will Arrange for Presentation.

Cairo, Ill., probably will be the scene of the presentation of the silver service by this city to the gunboat Paducah. Information from the navy department that there is not sufficient stage in the Ohio river to permit the boat to come here, was received this morning by Mayor Yeiser through Congressman Ollie James, coupled with instructions to make arrangements for the ceremony direct with the commanding officer of the Paducah. The boat is now on her way from Guantanamo to New Orleans.

Mayor Yeiser favors Cairo, because it is nearer Paducah than New Orleans, a bigger representation of the citizens could attend and the affair would have more of a local character. The letter from Secretary Metcalf to Congressman James was as follows:

"The department acknowledges the receipt of your letter, dated November 30, 1907, relative to the silver service, which the city of Paducah desires to present to the gunboat Paducah. In reply thereto the department has to inform you that orders have this day been cable to the Paducah, which vessel is now at Guantanamo, to proceed to New Orleans, touching at Havana en route. "The department is informed that there is not at the present time sufficient water to permit the Paducah to ascend the river as far as Paducah. The department, therefore, suggests that the mayor take the matter up with the commanding officer of the vessel at New Orleans and arrange for a time and place for the presentation, which shall be mutually agreeable."

"I shall confer with Alderman Chamblin and Councilman Lackey, the other members of the silver service committee, at once," said Mayor Yeiser this morning.

"Personally, I am in favor of having the boat come to Cairo for several reasons. More of our people can attend, it will be easier to arrange and everything will be more satisfactory than going to New Orleans in my opinion."

### WALTHOUR OUT

New York, Dec. 9.—"Bobby" Walthour, Atlanta's crack rider, was put out of the bicycle race today as the result of a fall, disabling his shoulder.

### COUNTY PLANT O. K.

The private steam heating plant at the county court house was used for the first time today, disconnections with the old plant having been made since Saturday. So far the service has been satisfactory at both the jail and an alias for his arrest in Jefferson will prove economical. It is expected to have the electric dynamo installed this week, and light as well as heat will be furnished from the plant.

### GRETNNA GREEN

Mr. Roscoe C. McElya and Miss Nanny Meal, daughter of Mrs. Susie Meal, of Maxon Mills, were married at Metropolis on the evening yesterday. Albert C. Aribett and Miss Cora Moss, of Oscar, Ky., were married at Metropolis by Magistrate Liggett.

### ALIAS FOR ARLUND

Peter Arlund, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, failed to answer, when his case was called in circuit court this morning, and his recognizance was ordered forfeited and an alias for his arrest in Jefferson county issued. Arlund was released from custody on information being received by the officers that his child had been seriously burned at his home in Louisville.

### W. O. W. Will Elect.

The Manchester Grove, No. 29, W. O. W., elect officers tonight at their hall.